

Appl. No. 10/767,981
Resp dated August 19, 2005
Reply to Office Action of June 30, 2005

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed June 30, 2005. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,764,484. Applicants note claims 1-18 were cancelled in a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with this continuation application, and new claims 21-38 were added at that time. Thus, claims 19-38 are currently pending. Therefore, the current rejections are rendered moot.

Pursuant to the August 12, 2005 telephone conference between Examiner Mendez and Applicants' representative, Brian Whipps, Applicants request consideration and examination of currently pending claims 19-38, as requested by the Examiner.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 13, 2004, but have not received an initialed Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration by the Examiner. The Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 are found in the Image File Wrapper. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the IDS and return an initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next PTO communication.

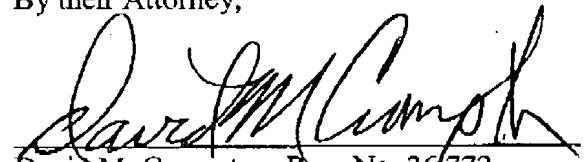
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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